prevailing market trend, condition of scrap materials, market trend of iron and steel etc.

Ban on recruitment in Railways

2231. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to prune 25 percent of the total strength of Railway employees by imposing a ban on recruitment during the current year ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not rise.

Development of Railway Station as Model Stations

2232. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Railway Stations (State-wise) proposed to be developed as model Railway Stations ;

(b) the stations developmed as model Railway Stations so far :

(c) the details of facilities available in these stations :

(d) whether more stations have been identified for their development as model stations ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) (Statewise number of stations which were selected to be developed as model stations is as under :—

1.	Andhra Pradesh	4
2.	Assam	4
3.	Bihar	8
4.	Delhi	1
5.	Gujarat	3
6.	Haryana	1
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
9.	Kerala	1
10.	Karnataka	3
11.	Maharashtra	8
12.	Madhya Pradesh	7
13.	Orissa	1
14.	Punjab	1
15.	Rajasthan	5
16.	Tamil Nadu	4
17.	Uttar Pradesh	9
18.	West Bengal	5
	TOTAL :	67

Development works at Lumding and Tinsukia stations in Assam have been dropped in view of Guwaha i-Lumding-Tinsukia-Dibrugarh gauge conversion project.

(b) Works at 22 stations, viz. Lucknow Jn. (NER), Kathgodam, Allahabad City, Samastipur, Gorakhpur Jn. Durgapur, Dhanbad Jn., Malda Town, Bhiwani, Madurai, Tiruchchirappalli Jn., Bellary Jn., Bilaspur, Ahmedabad, Junagadh, Jaipur Jn., Ajmer Jn., Agra Fort, Indore, Bharatpur Jn., and Rajkot Jn., have since been completed.

(c) Under this scheme, additional amenities like waiting halls, seating arrangements, drinking water supply,